tage: or not dying, the time was blessedly lost, wherein such preparation was gained: and, in him that escapes, it were not sin to think, that making God so free an offer, he let him outlive that day to see his greatness, and to teach others how they should prepare.

WILL. 'Tis certain[4], every man that dies ill, the ill is upon his own head, the king is not to answer for it.

BATES. I do not desire he should answer for me; and yet I determine to fight lustily for him.

K. HEN. I myself heard the king say, he would not be ransomed.

WILL. Ay, he said so, to make us fight cheerfully: but, when our throats are cut, he may be ransomed, and we ne'er the wiser.

K. HEN. If I live to see it, I will never trust his word after.

WILL. 'Mass, you'll pay him then[5]! That's a

* *Will.* 'Tis certain, &c.] In the quarto this little speech is not given to the same soldier who endeavours to prove that the King was answerable for the mischiefs of war: and who afterwards gives his glove to Henry. The persons are indeed there only distinguished by figures, 1, 2, 3. But this circumstance, as well as the tenour of the present speech, shows, that it does not belong to *Williams*, who has just been maintaining the contrary doctrine. It might with propriety be transferred to *Court*, who is on the scene, and says scarcely a word. MALONE.

5 'Mass, you'll PAY him then!] To pay, in old language, meant to *thrash* or *beat;* and here signifies to *bring to account*, to *punish*. See vol. xvi. p. 276, n. 2. The text is here made out from the folio and quarto. MALONE.

It is from the folio, except that it reads merely — *You* pay him then. The quarto gives the speech thus:

** Mas voule pay him then, 'tis a great displeasure
** That an elder gun can do against a cannon,
** Or a subject against a monarke,

"Youle nere take his word again, youre an asse goe."

— pav'hira — " In addition to mv note, vol. xvL p. 2l76, it mav be observed, that Falstaff savs, in the same vol. p. Tl96T '' t have *paid* Percy. I have made him sure." Here he certainlv
mean*s more than *thrashed* or *beaten*, REED*